

Worser Bay School Children love learning. At our school, the entire school community can:

\* See achievement celebrated and children valued as individuals; \* Feel motivated and inspired to participate; \* Experience success.

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4, Week 6, Friday 2 December 2011



Crash and Dr Wam - two of Māhutonga's bands ready for their busking!



## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **School Banking** - last day Tuesday 6th December.
- **Worser Bay Crew Meeting** to discuss next year's community engagement and wider fundraising initiatives. Worser Bay School Staffroom from 7.30pm, Tuesday 6th December.
- **Year 5 Sailing** - Monday 5th December - Afternoon
- **Year 6 Sailing** - Friday 9th December - Morning
- **Sushi Lunches** - last day Friday 9th December - recommences second Friday of Term 1, 2012.
- **Come and raise a glass to Marylyn!**  
Any time between 3.30 - 6.00 pm on Friday, 9th December
- **Christmas Wrap** (Whole School)  
Wednesday 14 December 4.30 pm onwards (see Jude's message in this issue)
- **Year 6 Leavers' Dinner and Parent Drinkies!**  
Thursday 15 December - 5.30 - 7.00 pm
- **Rising Fives, Term 4** - finishes Friday 9 December.
- **School Ends for 2011** - Friday 16 December 1.00 pm
- **School Begins for 2012** - Wednesday 1 February 8.55 am. (Please be settled in by this time!)

### Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

This is the time of year when we have calendars, diaries, timetables, stickies - you name it, plastered all over the place! It's also a really exciting time as we celebrate the year that is almost over and get right into what 2012 will be looking like. I'm in the middle of reading the reports at the moment. I'm loving the sense I'm getting about each child as an individual too. You can imagine what reading 170 of them would feel like, if this wasn't the case. Teachers have put hours into these reports and I know you will enjoy reading about the progress your child/ren has/have made over the year. There should not be any surprises, but if you don't quite 'get' some of the jargon we try not to include, but just can't help ourselves at times, then please come and talk about it with a teacher before the end of the year.

So, although we are very happy with the standard of our reporting (as is ERO!), we actually have a new improved model to unveil in 2012. I'll get into the detail early next year but basically there will be more opportunity for face to face with and without children, more succinct written reporting, even more opportunity to form that 'active partnership' we talk about.....more bang for the buck!

We had the final assembly for the year this morning, followed by a delicious "thank you parents from the staff" morning tea. Next week it's The Crew Get-together, Marylyn's party and the following The Wrap.....so diary, stickie.....whatever it takes!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

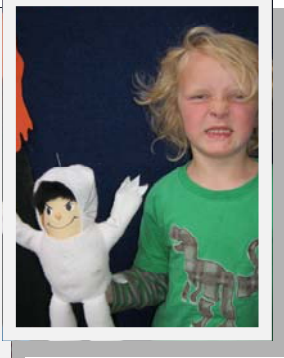


Students enjoying a game of pater tennis on the newly marked courts.

# The Wild Things Come to Tautoru

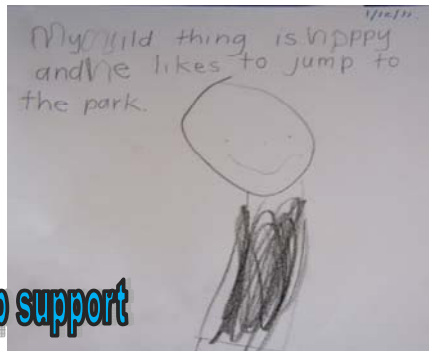
This week we have been doing lots of learning around Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are." We have explored vivid vocabulary such as:

Chaos  
Rumpus



Mischief

We have been learning to sequence our ideas into a beginning, middle and end. We have also been writing the sounds we can hear.



### Boat Making

Please bring your materials for boat making. We need plastic bottles, soft drink plastic bottles, corks, tin foil and boat shaped pieces of wood - wood that will float and any other recycled materials that could be useful.

Looking for some ideas to help support your child at home...

<http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/families>

These types of activities help to raise the awareness of maths in the environment and encourage your children to notice and figure out things. It can be practising skills or a challenge. A notebook in the car or in your bag can be a place where you ask them to write things down that you notice as you are "going places". Driving in the car or on trips, you will find some fun activities while you are out and about wherever you are enjoying the Summer.

Why not take a photo a day to document your Summer holidays and write a sentence or paragraph to describe the day's happenings.

Read on a regular basis. Get your child to retell the story in their own words. Why not make it fun and record a couple of sentences on strips of cardboard, cut it up and have fun getting the story to make sense again.

Don't forget those Rocket Words. Write them in chalk, paint them with water on the concrete and watch them disappear in the sun, make the words out of letters cut from magazines. If you are at the beach write them in the sand. Have some magnetic letters ready to make words on the fridge. Most of all - have some fun !!

## Autahi

In Autahi we have been beginning to create our own experiments. We have come up a question, brainstormed a hypothesis and decided on materials and written out our procedure.

Next week we are going to conduct our experiments, write down the results and come up with a conclusion as to why we got these results.

"A hypothesis is a guess or a suggestion."

"A Procedure is steps to the experiment."



## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

### Scott's Performance

We were privileged to experience Scott's first ever public performance of soundscapes. He brought in turn-tables and other equipment. Sounds included children in Barcelona playing, New Zealand Bird song, Japanese instruments, and a race track. These were played in loops. Amazing!

To sum up all the sounds we heard:

*Exotic... sleep...  
colourful... cloud...  
different... chime...  
eclectic... mist...  
wind... sky...*



### Bands

We are getting ready to take our music out to Wellington. On **Tuesday** we are off to Clyde Quay School. Please note the change of date as we have swimming on Thursday. Please see the permission form on the back page. No slip, no trip.



*Bad Swans  
and  
Super Epicness*



### Poetry

#### Street sounds

**Pigeons, perching peering  
Bubbling after eating leftover McDonalds  
Car tyres kazzanging  
Busses oinkidoinking loudly  
Elevators burp open bwhirringly  
Cell phones ring bwin bwin bwin  
Seagulls screech and squawk  
Battling blasts baffle my brain  
The noise of the city  
Street music**

Angry

By Kirstie Rae

I'm so angry  
I'm never coming out of my closet  
Never ever ever

I'm so angry  
I could rip a calf in half  
Rip rip rip

#### A Haiku

Alliteration  
Acting Albatross Aidan  
Amazed Anteater.

I'm so angry  
My tongue is bleeding cause I bit it to hard  
Bite bite bite

By Aidan

I'm so angry  
I could kill you with one angry glance  
Stare stare stare

I'm so angry  
I'm never coming out of my closet  
Never ever ever

By Polly Wright

#### HAIKU

**old ground old whispers  
winds of old Maori legends  
seas that speak old days**



By faith

### Camp 2012

Our Year 5 and 6 students are off to Camp Kaitoke next year from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The bus will go from Worser Bay School on 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am and we will return on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 5:50pm approximately. The cost is \$180 per Year 5 and 6 student.

Our Year 4 students join camp for the day on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The bus will return at approximately 4:30pm. The cost for this is \$50 per Year 4 student.

We are having an Open Day in Term 1, so keep your eyes peeled for the date in the newsletter calendar on the website, as we will talk more about camp then.

### Homework

Next week will be the last week of Spelling Rockets and Basic Facts.

We would also like the children to produce a booklet or pamphlet of their poems.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Great ideas, a flow of ideas.

**Tautoru-iti and Tautoru**

Noah, Caitlyn and Lucy

**Autahi**

James McK., Ally and Juliette

**Māhutonga and Matariki**

Aidan, Millie, Thomas W, Polly, Kirstie and Martha.

Our Principal's Awards for next week are for:

\* Singing with great gusto!

**REMINDERS!****Community Directory 2012**

If you do **NOT** want your name and telephone number in the 2012 Community Directory, please let us know by Friday 9th December. Thank you!

**Lost Property Reminder**

As per usual, any lost property not retrieved by the last Wednesday of the term, will be given to a local charity.

**Next Year's Community Engagement and Wider Fundraising Initiatives**

Following on from our function at the Roxy, if you'd like to be part of the Worsler Bay Crew and be more centrally involved in next year's community engagement and wider fundraising initiatives, we'd love to see you in the staffroom from 7.30pm on 6 December. In keeping with the season and to assist creative thinking, drinks will be available.

Andrew Wilson, **Board Chair**

**From the Home and School**

Well it's official, I have resigned from my position as Chair of Home and School.

So, we are really keen to have more helpers on hand with next year's fundraising efforts. If you are interested in having a more hands on approach through the year, please get in touch with me or Jude or one of the other members of the H&S.

I have been hearing many of you commenting how lucky we are with a great team of teachers in our school. How they really know what they are doing and how skilled Jude is forming and managing such a team. Do we say it enough? Please let them know this!

It will be great to see you all at the Xmas Wrap on 14th December, a few sausages and drinks for sale, and my very loud, out of key, singing!

**Eleni Moore**

**Chair of Home and School**

[moore@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:moore@vodafone.net.nz) or 388 8137

**Reply slip for:****Māhutonga Bands' Trip on Tuesday 6th December.**

I give permission for

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to travel to Clyde Quay School by bus. I enclose \$3.00.

No slip, no trip.

**THE WRAP****Approximate order of events!**

- 4.30 - 5.20 pm  
Sossies for sale and teachers in and around classes/hello and brief outline of programme for 2012.
- 5.25 - 5.40 ish  
The fabulous parent UKESTARS!
- 5.40 - 6.40 ish  
Year 0 -3 Song - All junior children need to be up the front ready to roll at 5.40, then return to and stay with families for the remainder of the evening unless they are playing in a music group.  
  
Year 4-6 Song - All senior children stay with families until they are called up, then return to families unless they are saying a speech, or are in a music group

- Year 6 Speeches
- Then children, parents, staff, extended whanau, neighbours, pets.....whoever wants to come along singing a few Christmas songs, interspersed by a few children's music groups and brief adult speeches!
- Finale

**Please help us** to keep things running along smoothly by taking care of your own children and not letting them go crazy on the playground and interrupt the speeches and singing. The intention is for THE WRAP to be a family time.....teachers need to enjoy themselves, celebrate and not feel like they are 'on duty'!

## Come and raise a glass to Marylyn!



**When?** Friday 9th December, anytime between 3.30 and 6.00 pm

**Where?** Here at school, exact whereabouts dependent on the weather!

**Do I bring a present?** Marylyn would love to have an opportunity to buy books for the school library. So, the thing to do, is pop a koha into the office, we will purchase a voucher from the Children's Bookshop and Marylyn will then shop to her heart's content.

### What do I do with the children?

A common question! We would love this to be more of an 'adult event' but realise the timing may not really support this. We encourage children to utilise our wonderful environment and bring their own afternoon snack, please!



## Summerfest 2012 3.00 - 6.00 pm Sunday 26 February Worsers Bay Boat Club

Celebrate summer and our local community at this family friendly event where you'll enjoy beer/food tasting, live music, and kids' entertainment. Tickets for will be on sale at The Christmas Wrap (\$5 pre-sales, they'll be \$10 at the door).

To make it all happen, we will need helpers from the school community to do a variety of tasks on and before the day. Thanks to those of you who have already offered your assistance. If you can help out please contact [kirsty.chamberlain@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kirsty.chamberlain@paradise.net.nz) or come and talk to me at the Summerfest ticket sales at The Wrap.

### Koha for Tauroru

For poi and paper crafts in Tauroru, we are asking students to pay \$5.00 to cover costs of materials. Please bring your \$5.00 in an envelope with your child's name to the school office by Monday 5 December.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Harbour City GymSports**, situated in Haitatai Park, is having a holiday programme in the week upcoming to Christmas (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December). Each session runs from 9am – 1pm, and costs \$25.00. Please check out our website [www.hcg.org.nz](http://www.hcg.org.nz) to view our flyer and download a registration form, alternatively email us on [office@hcg.org.nz](mailto:office@hcg.org.nz) or phone 386 4443 for more information.

### Drama Holiday Workshop in December

Improvisation, Narration, Stage Fighting, Comedy, Music Grasshopper presents an exciting and fun drama workshop. Come along with a friend and develop a performance for family and friends.

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December 2011  
Miramar Central School Hall, Park Road, Miramar.  
Ages 7 - 13 years 9.00 am - 2.30 pm

\$30 each day per child. Bring packed lunch and water bottle.

Contact Kelly Pickering to book at [grasshopperadmin@gmail.com](mailto:grasshopperadmin@gmail.com).

Or text Jo Rogers on 021 1242067 for more details.

### East Care After 3 Inc

#### A non-profit community group

#### Do you need After School Child Care next year?

East Care After Three (ECAT) in Miramar is a non-profit community group run by a Parents committee.

- ECAT provides a safe environment. Multiple roll calls and child pick-up from local schools for travel back to the community centre.
- 1:10 ratio (one supervisor for every 10 children)
- Big healthy afternoon tea provided.
- Outdoor park and play equipment.
- Different indoor activities each day to suit all the children
- Homework space provided
- OSCAR approved and audited every two years by Child Youth & Family.
- Oscar funding of fees available for lower income and some middle income families.

**ECAT: where children are safe and happy**

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